

House Resolution No. 345

Whereas, Joe Sorrel of East Prairie, Missouri, has been an esteemed member of the 2003-2004 Speaker's Agriculture Task Force which drew its membership from across the state to review, analyze, and assess agricultural issues confronting the Show-Me State; and

Whereas, with agriculture playing a dominant role in the state's economic foundation, the 2003-2004 Speaker's Agriculture Task Force met to discuss leading agriculture issues, offer recommendations regarding agriculture legislation and policy, and contribute to the betterment of the state; and

Whereas, Missouri has a wide range of climate and enjoys weather conditions which provide a good basis for growing crops and raising livestock; and

Whereas, Missouri is home to more than one hundred thousand farms, a statistic which ranks the state second in the nation in number of farms and which places five percent of all United States farms within the state's boundaries; and

Whereas, with thirty million acres of land used for agricultural purposes, Missouri produced \$4.82 billion in crops, livestock, poultry, and aquaculture and exported \$1.13 billion in agricultural products in 2001; and

Whereas, thanks in large measure to the productivity, knowledge, and practices of area farmers, Missouri ranks sixteenth in the value of its agricultural exports; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to commend the work of Joe Sorrel as a member of the 2003-2004 Speaker's Agriculture Task Force:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the commitment, time, and service so generously given by Joe Sorrel to the 2003-2004 Speaker's Agriculture Task Force and to convey this legislative body's heartiest best wishes for continued personal and professional success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Joe Sorrel of East Prairie, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Lanie G. Black, III
District No. 161

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 345, adopted February 2, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker